SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL RELATING TO THE TRIVIAL NAME " SIRTALIS " LINNAEUS, 1758 (AS PUBLISHED IN THE COMBINATION " COLUBER SIRTALIS ") (CLASS REPTILIA) SUBMITTED BY DR. KARL P. SCHMIDT AND MR. ROGER CONANT

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Je suis pour l'adoption de conserver *sirtalis* Linnaeus, 1758.

SUPPORT FOR THE SCHMIDT/CONANT PROPOSAL RELATING TO THE TRIVIAL NAME " SIRTALIS " LINNAEUS, 1758 (AS PUBLISHED IN THE COMBINATION " COLUBER SIRTALIS ") (CLASS REPTILIA)

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Dem Vorschlag von Karl Patterson Schmidt und Roger Conant, den Namen *sirtalis* Linnaeus für die gewöhnliche Gartersnake beizubehalten, stimme ich zu.

SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSALS FOR THE USE OF THE PLENARY POWERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRIVIAL NAME " SIRTALIS " LINNAEUS, 1758 (AS PUBLISHED IN THE COMBINATION " COLUBER SIRTALIS ") (CLASS REPTILIA, ORDER SQUAMATA) SUBMITTED BY DR. KARL P. SCHMIDT AND MR. ROGER CONANT

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With reference to the nomenclatural problem indexed by the Commission as Z.N.(S.)433, I have examined the proposals tendered by Schmidt and Conant, and by Dowling.

While from a purely systematic standpoint, it would seem preferable to assign the name *ordinatus* to the " Eastern Garter Snake ", and *sauritus* to the " Ribbon Snake ", I feel that Schmidt and Conant's principle of " continuity " must become a greater force in the resolution of nomenclatural problems. Indeed, it would seem essential that this rule be given precedence if systematics are to be saved from the utter confusion which the Rules were originally formulated to circumvent.